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His Excellency President George Maxwell Richards at The Oath of Office of Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar

In the year 2007, it was felt that the Ceremony of Taking and Subscribing the Oath of Office of the Prime Minister, which normally took place at The President's House, in the presence of one or two witnesses, should be held at a venue where a wide audience could be accommodated. This was to signal the inclusion of the people of Trinidad and Tobago in such an important occasion in the life of our country.

Today, we have come to another milestone in our relatively short history. For the first time, Trinidad and Tobago will have, as its Head of Government, a woman, in the person of Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar. This we must applaud.

By their action on May 24th 2010, the people of this country have shown their willingness to open avenues of possibility for all of our citizens. They have made a powerful statement of endorsement and of intent, certainly regarding the gender factor, which, in spite of our protestations to the contrary, has, from time to time and in significant ways, registered a deficit in our dealing with our women.

Lest I be misunderstood, let me say that there is no gainsaying that our women have made tremendous strides, in the public as in the private sector. Nevertheless, I would not be far off the mark, if I were to aver that there have existed and continues to exist a certain reservation, on the part of too many of us, men as well as women, in genuinely respecting the ability as well as the entitlement of women. As a consequence, many of us, at least subliminally, do not repose full confidence in our women to act independently or patronage of one kind or another. The evidence is there and healthy, honest debate on the matter should not be set aside. The statistics and common knowledge of female achievement and capability, in every sphere and at every level, warn us against that.

The current circumstance offers us opportunity to consider where we are as a people and to examine the pillars on which we stand. Not only the Prime Minister, but all who have put themselves forward for public service and have been accepted as representatives of the people, must be clear about their duty. They must be mindful of the people, must be clear about their duty. They must be mindful of the Constitution of our Republic which declares inter alia, that 'the people of Trinidad and Tobago…have asserted their belief in a democratic society in which persons may, to the extent of their capacity, play some part in the institutions of national life and thus develop and maintain due respect for lawfully constituted authority;'

It is for the leadership in our Parliament to use the avenues available to them to ensure that those words have life, as they guide the affairs of the country.

I thank the outgoing Prime Minister and his government for their contribution to the nation and wish them well.

I congratulate Mrs. Persad-Bissessar on her success.

BIOGRAPHY

The Honourable Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister

The Honourable Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister was born on the 22nd of April, 1952. Mrs. Persad-Bissessar graduated from Iere High School and went on to further her studies at the University of the West Indies, Norwood Technical College (England,) and the Hugh Wooding Law School. Consequently, she was awarded a B.A. (Hons.), a Diploma in Education, a B.A. of Law (Hons.) and a Legal Education Certificate. In 2006 she obtained an Executive Masters in Business Administration (EMBA) from the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, Trinidad.

On completion of her studies, Mrs. Persad-Bissessar entered the teaching profession. While in England

Commonwealth Secretary General pays courtesy call on the Prime Minister

(above) The Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister greets Commonwealth Secretary General, Kamalesh Sharma

The Hon. Prime Minister on the 7th June met with the Secretary General of the Commonwealth, H.E Kamalesh Sharma at her St. Clair Office. The Secretary-General paid a courtesy call on the newly appointed Prime Minister in order to brief her on matters related to the Chairmanship of the Commonwealth which is currently held by Trinidad and Tobago.

the Commonwealth Secretary-General and the Prime Minister discussed a variety of issues including progress on mandates from the CHOGM of 2009, work currently being conducted to reform the Commonwealth and the tasks to be undertaken by the Prime Minister in her role as Chairperson in Office of the Commonwealth.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan was also present at the meeting as was the Chief of Staff of the Secretary General, Mr. Simon Gimson.

Statement of Condolence on the passing of Lady Hochoy

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago acknowledges with sadness the passing of Lady Thelma Hochoy, widow of Sir Solomon Hochoy, former Governor General of Trinidad and Tobago. Lady Thelma Hochoy was perhaps most famous for the founding of the Lady Hochoy Home, but the effects of her humanitarian work on behalf of others were far-reaching and touched the lives of many. Lady Thelma Hochoy's life was marked by dedication to community, unwavering commitment to service to the less fortunate and seemingly boundless generosity to those in need. Her tireless efforts to secure the welfare of vulnerable members of society have forged a path for others to follow. Even when she became less active due to faltering health she selflessly donated her home so that others devoted to a life of service could continue in their vocation.

Her devotion to this country and her humility and grace in service have inspired others to assist the underprivileged. Lady Hochoy will be remembered always by those she touched and her memory will be ever etched in our hearts.

To her daughter, Mrs. Joyce Chinasing, other relatives and loved ones of Lady Thelma Hochoy, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago extends its deepest condolences and may God provide you with the strength to cope in your time of need.

pursuing studies, she worked as a social worker with the Church of England Children's Society of London. She taught at the St. Andrew High School in Kingston, Jamaica and at the Mona Campus in Jamaica. Later, she taught at the St. Augustine campus of the University of the West Indies in Trinidad. After lecturing for a total of six years, Mrs. Persad-Bissessar then became a full-time Attorney-at-Law.

In 1987 Mrs. Persad-Bissessar entered the political arena and has served as an alderman, from 1987 until 1991 for St. Patrick County Council. Representing the United National Congress in Opposition, she took the Oath of Allegiance at a sitting of the Senate on November 1, 1994. Since 1995 she has been the Member of Parliament for Siparia, serving as Attorney General, Minister for Legal Affairs and Minister of Education between 1995 and 2001. The United National Congress returned to the Opposition benches in 2002 and on April 26th, 2006, Mrs. Persad-Bissessar was appointed Leader of the Opposition, the first woman to ever hold that position in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Mrs. Persad-Bissessar was appointed Leader of the Opposition a second time on February 25, 2010, almost one month after she was elected political leader of the United National Congress.

On Tuesday May 26, 2010, two days after a victory at the polls, Mrs. Persad-Bissessar (pictured) created history yet again, becoming the first woman to hold the office of Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Message from H.E President George Maxwell Richards on the Occasion of Indian Arrival Day 2010

This year, we celebrate, in Trinidad and Tobago, the 165th Anniversary of the arrival of the first indentured labourers from India. While we all celebrate as a nation, special greetings go to our citizens of East Indian origin.

For us, this is a most telling year and time in our history. In our celebration of Indian Arrival Day 2010, there is the added dimension of great significance that, for the first time in our history, a woman has been chosen as Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago and that woman, a daughter of this soil, is of East Indian heritage. We must recognize this milestone, in all its dimensions and congratulate ourselves.

Much has happened, during the last several months, which has impacted our course as a young nation. By and large, in the process of maturing, we continue to acknowledge our strengths, confront our weaknesses and cope with uncertainties where there has been no blueprint, particularly given the nature of our diversity.

While diversity is not peculiar to Trinidad and Tobago, in some ways, we do not fit the mold of other countries that boast of diversity. Within the structures of our diversity, there are certain elements that attest to the conclusion that some things can only happen here and whether we consciously acknowledge it or not, they redound to our credit.

Not departing from a serious note, but rather recognizing the insightfulness of our artistes, I recall that one of our bards put it well when he sang "How we vote is not how we party". But this is only one aspect, Ladies and Gentlemen, which softens the rigidity that manifests so negatively in other countries. Sadly, for these countries, ethnic diversity has resulted in what has become known as ethnic cleansing, a shameful stain in human history.

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Today, our nation is recognizing formally, on this public holiday, the considerable contribution of a significant sector of our population. This contribution is not newly emergent, but goes back to the onset of their migration from India. Today, while customs of the forefathers' country of origin have, to a great extent, been preserved, the Trinidad and Tobago brand, if you will, is clearly recognizable in the persons of East Indian origin who belong to this country.

The current generation's links with the Republic of India are sustained, understandably, with room for nostalgia, but more so with the knowledge of the rights of people whose home is Trinidad and Tobago and who share its patrimony. Their stake in this country is undeniable and, while the circumstances of their progenitors' arrival were less than noble, history has not stood in the way of progress.

So today, let us all join in celebration of Indian Arrival Day 2010, as we contemplate and appreciate the significance of 1845 in the history of our beloved Trinidad and Tobago.

Message from Prime Minister the Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar on the Occasion of Indian Arrival Day 2010

Fellow citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, it gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to the entire Nation on the 165th Anniversary of the Arrival of our East Indian forefathers to these shores. More than just a day of remembrance, it is a day when we must give thanks to God, and celebrate the human spirit's triumph over seemingly insurmountable odds, to build a legacy of strength, discipline and tolerance that has helped make us what we all are today as a nation.

Indeed my brothers and sisters, the journey of our East Indian forebears was long and arduous, and didn't come cheaply. It took patience, vision, belief and a spirit of sacrifice to begin a new life in a strange land, with the hope that one day, their offspring would reap the rewards of that sojourn.

And while the East Indian

experience was unique in its own way, as would have been for those who made their life's journey to these shores from Africa, China, Europe and the farthest reaches of the globe, there were many things that were common to all… but most important among these was a desire to enjoy life's greatest freedoms without fear, and in an atmosphere of peace, prosperity and harmony.

And this more than anything else has been the legacy that has found its greatest expression in our people, from all walks of life - in our music, our food, our dance, the way we interact with each other…It's a journey that has taken us all centuries to arrive at, and still the journey continues as we steadily improve the means by which we travel to the destination of our Nationhood.

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For this reason the Ministry of Arts and Culture will be redesigned to become the Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism in order to give greater voice to the diverse cultural expressions of our common desires for individual and national identity.

There will be a realignment of policies including resource allocation, to allow for a more equitable recognition and fulfilment of the needs of the diverse proponents of our culture.

Our celebration of days such as this must be more than just a formality, but an active reaffirmation of this Government's commitment to ensure that every creed and race finds an equal place in this land of ours.

To you all I wish a very happy, peaceful and enjoyable Indian Arrival Day.

May God bless us all.

Message from H.E Serena Joseph-Harris High Commissioner of T&T to the UK on the Occasion of Indian Arrival Day 2010

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the High Commission, London wishes to extend greetings to nationals of Trinidad and Tobago resident in the United Kingdom on the occasion of Indian Arrival Day 2010.

Trinidad and Tobago continues to make a lasting impression in the international community as a robust and dynamic nation with a progressive and vibrant population. It is acknowledged that since their arrival our East Indian forefathers have contributed significantly to the development of nationhood. Their pivotal role in nation building is reflected in every sphere of community life including the fields of law, government, medical science and literature as well as in our rich cultural traditions, our art and our cuisine. Their contribution to the unique tapestry which epitomises Trinidad and Tobago is without measure.

Indeed, our observance of this auspicious occasion is a true celebration of what nationhood represents. It is also fitting to recall the arrival of all peoples who came from distant lands, who made and continue to make significant contributions to Trinidad and Tobago's development.

The High Commission London is cognisant of the important role played by our East Indian community resident in the United Kingdom, the seat of the Commonwealth.

As you are aware, Trinidad and Tobago hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in November 2009 and currently serves as Chair in Office of the Commonwealth. In this capacity, Trinidad and Tobago has an opportunity to be an example to the world of harmony in diversity and the strength born out of a common experience. Our nation is a microcosm of the Commonwealth with its own dynamic historical legacy which has resulted in a diversity of its peoples, its culture and its traditions.

The celebration of Indian Arrival Day is not only the remembrance of an historic event, but also a tribute to Trinidad and Tobago itself and the progressive civilisation that as a nation we are steadfastly building. We take the opportunity to join with all of the Diaspora in celebrating Indian Arrival Day 2010.

Message from the Honourable Keith Rowley Leader of the Opposition Occasion of Indian Arrival Day 2010

Today we celebrate one of the foundational experiences in the history of our country. Our ancestors of East Indian origin arrived in Trinidad and Tobago one hundred and sixty- five years ago. This was the start of a process that transformed our country in a most positive and fundamental way. It marked the entry into the nation's economic and social life of a people who now constitute a very significant percentage of the country's population; and who have made a most enduring contribution to the stable and dynamic democracy that is Trinidad and Tobago today.

This year's celebration has been made even more poignant by the fact that, just a few days ago, an offspring of indentureship was sworn in as the first female Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago. I congratulate the Honourable Kamla Persad Bissessar whose historic achievement symbolises the strides that all our people, notwithstanding gender and diversity, have been able to make in our democratic Trinidad and Tobago.

The struggle of our East Indian family is one of remarkable heroism. It is an extraordinary story of simple people. Faced with a strange and oppressive environment and with challenges that accentuated their vulnerability, they shaped their lives virtually from scratch. Their efforts have been a great boon to Trinidad and Tobago and constitute a pivotal contribution to the foundation of our nation. Their descendants took up the baton and have been running the distance ever since. We salute both ancestors and offspring on this historic occasion.

On this occasion we must also remember the arrival of all others who came from distant shores and who made equally pivotal and inspiring contributions to the development of the society. Our history is that of a common struggle of our people to find meaning and fulfilment; a struggle that culminated in triumph with the attainment of the Independence of Trinidad and Tobago. It is an achievement that must be held up to all generations.

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As we celebrate Indian Arrival Day, let us give thanks for the entrenched harmony of our diverse society and the example of unity in diversity that we undoubtedly set to the world. Here, there must always be an equal place for all. Therefore, the celebration of Indian Arrival Day is not only exemplary remembrance of that historic event one hundred and sixty five years ago, but also a profound tribute to Trinidad and Tobago itself and the enlightened civilisation that we are building in this country.

On behalf of the People's National Movement, I extend greetings and best wishes to all on this most auspicious occasion.

Photo: Donald M. Chambers

Inset : Brian Charles Lara

Lara scores penalty shot in Socceraid 2010 Charity Match

West Indies cricket sporting legend Brian Lara scored from the penalty spot in a winning effort for the Rest of the World over England at Old Trafford on Sunday 6th June.

Brian Lara best known for his accomplishment on the cricket field, once wore national colours at the junior level for the Trinidad and Tobago footbal team. In Socceraid 2010 he played in the holding midfield position alongside international stars Zinedine Zidane, Luis Figo, Ryan Giggs, Henrik Larsson and Sammi Hyppia.

A lively second-half performance saw the Rest of the World overcome a two-goal deficit sending the game into overtime. Both teams used a heavy mix of past football legends and celebrities such as Mike Myers, Joe Calzaghe and Gordon Ramsay.

Lara passed a delightful through ball that split the tiring England backline late in the contest, but retired Swedish international Henrik Larsson failed to capitalise on the quality ball, sending the game into the an exciting penalty shoot-out.

The former international footballers were barred from spot-kicking leaving the celebrities left to compete for the game decider.

Lara showed why he wore Trinidad and Tobago national colours with his close friend Dwight Yorke when he opened the proceedings with a crisp, penalty into the net for the Rest of the World.

The celebrity players in the penality shootout that followed the former West Indies cricketer strike were not able to determine a clear winner, therefore ending the shoot-out and taking it to sudden death. Woody Harrelson scored the decisive spot-kick to give the Rest of the World their first ever Soccer Aid victory

Soccer Aid is a British charity event which has raised £2.6 million in aid of UNICEF UK. The event is a football match between two teams comprising celebrities and World Cup legends, one representing England and the other the Rest of the World. Soccer Aid was initiated by Robbie Williams and Jonathan Wilkes. The Rest of the World are the reigning champions.

UWI and ACCA sign historic Memorandum of Understanding

The University of the West Indies (UWI) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) aimed at furthering the provision of high quality Accountancy education and training in Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Caribbean.

"This MOU provides greater visibility and recognition for our Accountancy Programme here at UWI St Augustine on the one hand and on the other hand, it provides the ACCA with access to a high quality pool of Accounting graduates who may wish to pursue professional qualification," said Mr Errol Simms, Head of UWI's Department of Management Studies.

He said the MOU recognises outstanding graduates in accountancy through the provision of prizes, the facility for UWI students to attend ACCA continuing professional development seminars, and collaboration towards hosting a joint student event as part of the ongoing UWI St Augustine 50th Anniversary celebrations.

UWI Pro Vice Chancellor and St Augustine Campus Principal, Professor Clement Sankat, and Mr Roger Acton, ACCA Regional Director for Europe and Americas, signed the MOU in a formal ceremony on Monday 24th May, 2010. Professor Sankat described the MOU signing as "testament to a productive partnership for the benefit of our students, the business community and by extension, the people of Trinidad and Tobago and the region."

"ACCA plays a central role in supporting students around the world by providing relevant and distinctive qualifications in accountancy, finance and management. As the leading tertiary education institution in Trinidad and Tobago and the region, the UWI's partnership with the ACCA is founded on our mutual interest in promoting quality and excellence," said Professor Sankat.

"The signing of this MOU further demonstrates ACCA's commitment to fostering partnerships beneficial to the support and development of the global accounting profession," said Mr Acton. "Our collaboration with an institution of UWI's calibre can only augur well for the future of the profession in the region and will undoubtedly provide greater opportunities for young finance and accounting professionals."

The ceremony, which was hosted by the Office of the St Augustine Campus Principal and chaired by Dr David Rampersad, Director of the UWI Business Development Office, attracted an audience that included Mrs. Carla Dubé, St Augustine Campus Bursar, Dr. Hamid Ghany, Dean of the St Augustine Faculty of Social Sciences, Brenda Lee Tang, Head of Corporate Development, ACCA Caribbean, Mr Shane Kisson, manager of ACCA Southern Caribbean and members of the Faculty of the Department of Management Studies.

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ODPM coordinating relief supplies for Haiti on behalf of the Government of the Trinidad and Tobago

A Haiti Relief Fund has been established at the First Citizens Bank. Citizens can make donations to any branch of First Citizens "Trinidad and Tobago Relief Fund for Haiti".

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) responded to the devastation in Haiti, by donating an initial sum of USD $1,000,000.00 (TTD$6,360,000.00). Additionally, various organisations and citizens have demonstrated their willingness to assist and provide monetary as well as tangible contributions to aid the relief efforts. In order to ensure that there is a coordinated approach to the donations for Haiti, the GORTT mandated the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) to coordinate and manage this initiative. Consequently, a system has been developed to ensure that there is an orderly, transparent and efficient collection, storage, repackaging and onward transmission of all relief material to the disaster struck country.

ODPM's Role
The role of the ODPM will be limited to the delivery of cash, goods and services from Trinidad and Tobago to the under mentioned Regional Response Organisations charged with coordinating the relief efforts in Haiti.

• Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency - CDEMA - Headquartered in Barbados (this Agency takes receipt of all cash donations).

• Caribbean Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) - Sub-Regional Focal Point headquartered presently in Jamaica (The agency takes receipt of all donated goods and services).

Collection Process
To facilitate the collection of donated goods within Trinidad and Tobago, the ODPM coordinated the establishment of a number of collection nodes managed by:-

Adventist Disaster Relief Agency (which will coordinate relief supplies from all Faith Based Organisations (FBOs).

United Way of Trinidad and Tobago (which will coordinate relief supplies from all Non-Government Organisations (NGOs).

Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (TTCIC) (which will coordinate relief supplies from all Corporate entities).

The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) will coordinate the relief supplies from Government Ministries and Agencies.

Urgently Needed Items
The critical items needed to support the Disaster Relief Operations in Haiti are : portable water, medical supplies, canned goods, other non-perishable items.

Financial Contributions
A Haiti Relief Fund has been established at the First Citizens Bank. Citizens can make donations to any branch of First Citizens "Trinidad and Tobago Relief Fund for Haiti".

Methods of Accountability
Citizens and corporate entities making donations at designated collection nodes throughout the country will be issued a receipt which will record all donations. The collection agency will then collate and repackage the various relief goods based on the critical items listed above. These goods are then delivered to the ODPM main operational warehouse. On receipt of the goods from the collection node, ODPM will issue a receipt for all the items received and ship to the Sub-Regional Focal Point in Jamaica.

Record Keeping
A record of the items being shipped will also be maintained for reporting and accountability purposes. A record-keeping system will be implemented (staffing for this function will come from the TTDF Reserves).

The shipment will be forwarded to Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) - Jamaica (the Sub-regional Focal Point) for transmission to the CDEMA Coordinating Unit (CU) in Haiti who will be ultimately responsible for fair distribution upon arrival.

It is of utmost importance to underscore that the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) is the regional body that is responsible for coordination and management of disasters for the entire Caribbean. It is in this vein that the ODPM advises all organisations and persons that are interested in providing monetary or tangible contributions to follow the procedure outlined above. This will ensure that all relief supplies reach Haiti in a transparent, coordinated and efficient manner.

The ODPM along with the regional disaster management offices maintains contact with the CDEMA personnel in Haiti on a daily basis.

THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTIONS WINNING CANDIDATES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

KEY:
PP - People Partnership (coalition)
UNC - United National Congress
PNM - Peoples National Party
COP - Congress of the People
TOP - Tobago Organisation of the People

The People's Partnership is a political coalition that was formed and launched on Wednesday 24th April 2010 in Trinidad and Tobago between five political parties: the United National Congress (UNC), the Congress of the People (COP), the Tobago Organization of the People (TOP), the National Joint Action Committee (NJAC) and the Movement for Social Justice.

Number. Constituency - Winner (Party)

1. Arima - Rodger Samuel (PP/COP)
2. Arouca/Maloney - Alicia Hospedales (PNM)
3. Barataria/San Juan - Dr. Fuad Khan (PP/UNC)
4. Caroni Central - Dr. Glenn Ramadharsingh (PP/UNC)
5. Caroni East - Dr. Tim Gopeesingh (PP/UNC)
6. Chaguanas East - Stephen Cadiz (PP/UNC)
7. Chaguanas West - Austin Jack Warner (PP/UNC)
7. Couva North - Ramona Ramdial (PP/UNC)
8. Couva South - Rudranath Indarsingh (PP/UNC)
9. Cumuto/Manzanilla - Collin Partap (PP/UNC)
10. D'Abadie/O'Meara - Anil Roberts (PP/COP)
11. Diego Martin Central - Dr. Amery Browne (PNM)
12. Diego Martin North/East - Colm Imbert (PNM)
13. Diego Martin West - Dr. Keith Rowley (PNM)
14. Fyzabad - Chandresh Sharma (PP/UNC)
15. La Brea - Fitzgerald Jeffrey (PNM)
16. La Horquetta/Talparo - Jairam Seemungal (PP/UNC)
17. Laventille East/Morvant - Donna Cox (PNM)
18. Laventille West - Nileung Hypolite (PNM)
19. Lopinot/Bon Air West - Dr. Lincoln Douglas (PP/COP)
20. Mayaro - Winston "Gypsy" Peters (PP/UNC)
21. Naparima - Nizam Baksh (PP/UNC)
23. Oropouche East - Dr. Roodal Moonilal (PP/UNC)
24. Oropouche West - Stacy Roopnarine (PP/UNC)
25. Point Fortin - Paula Gopee-Scoon (PNM)
26. Point-a-Pierre - Errol McLeod (PP/UNC)
27. Port of Spain North/St. Anns West - Patricia McIntosh (PNM)
28. Port of Spain South - Marlene Mc Donald (PNM)
29. Princess Town North - Nela Khan (PP/UNC)
30. Moruga/Tableland - Clifton DeCoteau (PP/UNC)
31. San Fernando East - Patrick Manning (PNM)
32. San Fernando West - Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan (PP/COP)
33. Siparia - Kamla Persad-Bissessar (PP/UNC)
34. St. Anns East - Joanne Thomas (PNM)
35. St. Augustine - Prakash Ramadhar (PP/COP)
36. St. Joseph - Herbert Volney (PP/UNC)
37. Tabaquite - Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan (PP/UNC)
38. Tobago East - Vernella Alleyne-Toppin (PP/TOP)
39. Tobago West - Dr. Delmon Baker (PP/TOP)
40. Toco/Sangre Grande - Dr. Rupert Griffith (PP/UNC)
41. Tunapuna - Mr. Winston Dookeran (PP/UNC)

THE NEW MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, acting on advice of the Leader of the Opposition and in accordance with Section 40 (2) (b) of the Constitution, has appointed the following Senators with effect from 9th June, 2010.

Members of the Opposition

Senator The Hon. Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson (Leader of Opposition Business in the Senate)

The Hon. Fitzgerald Ethelbert Hinds

The Hon. Ted Roopnarine

Dr. The Hon. Lester Henry

The Hon. Shamfa Cudjoe

The Hon. Faris Al Rawi

His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, acting on the power vested him by Section 40 (2) (c) of the Constitution, has appointed the following Senators with effect from 7th June, 2010.

Independent Senators

Senator The Hon. Professor Harold Ramkission

Senator Dr. The Hon. Victor Warren Wheeler

Senator The Hon. Elton A. Prescott, S.C.

Senator Dr. The Hon. James Kenneth Armstrong

Senator Dr. The Hon. Rolph N. S. Balgobin

Senator The Hon. Basharat Ali

Senator The Hon. Subhas Ramkhelawan

Senator The Hon. Corinne Averille Baptiste-Mc Knight

Senator The Hon. Mrs. Helen Drayton

THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, **Prime Minister**

Senator The Hon. Anand Ramlogan, **Attorney General**

Senator The Hon. Rudrawatee Nan Ramgoolam, **Minister of Public Administration**

The Hon. Fazal Karim, **Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education**

Senator The Hon. Therese Baptiste-Cornelis, **Minister of Health**

Senator The Hon. Emmanuel George, **Minister of Public Utilities**

The Hon. Vasant Bharath, **Minister of Food Production**

The Hon. Herbert Volney, M.P. **Minister of Justice**

Senator Dr. The Hon. Glenn Ramadharsingh, M.P. **Minister of the People and Social Development**

The Hon. Nizam Baksh, M.P. **Minister of Community Development**

Dr. The Hon. Errol McLeod, M.P. **Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development**

The Hon. Prakash Ramadhar, **Minster for Legal Affairs**

The Hon. Delmon Baker, M.P. **Ministry of Tourism**

Dr. The Hon. Lincoln Douglas, M.P. **Ministry of the People and Social Development**

The Hon. Colin Partap, M.P. **Office of the Prime Minister**

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The Hon. Rudranath Indarsingh, M.P. **Ministry of Works and Transport**

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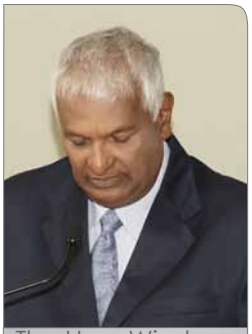

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Trinidad and Tobago High Commission London launches INTERLINK

On April 29, 2010, the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission, London launched INTERLINK: a networking forum to enable professionals, investors, stakeholders, students and other like minded individuals to learn about opportunities for investment in Trinidad and Tobago and to share information.

Acting High Commissioner, Ms. Gail Guy stated: 'INTERLINK was born out of a realisation that there was a need to provide a structured and enabling environment to facilitate interaction.

The High Commission is delighted to proactively support the development of networks and linkages and this quarterly activity aims to stimulate interest in doing business in Trinidad and Tobago and to expose participants to areas of investment in non-traditional sectors that may not be customarily pursued'.

On this occasion, INTERLINK focused on the Food and Beverage sector, which is the largest contributor to non-energy manufacturing in Trinidad and Tobago and one of the areas earmarked for development in the Government's strategic plan.

Tricia Jadoonanan, Trinidad and Tobago's UK based, International Award winning chef, prepared a sumptuous menu, showcasing the versatility of local ingredients.

Top Trinidad and Tobago brands like Angostura, National Canners Limited, Chief Brand Products, Vemco and Chatak were displayed to an audience of distributors, investors and other key stakeholders.

Baroness Benjamin of Beckenham in Kent delivered an eloquent address outlining the challenges, opportunities and strategies needed for promoting an ethnic brand.

Over 100 invited guests gathered at the High Commission in Belgravia, London to participate in the evening's activities.

INTERLINK is one of the initiatives of the High Commission's trade department which continues to advance the trade agenda of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

01: *Commercial Attaché Ms. Dionne Ligoure addressing the audience* **02:** *(from left) Baroness Benjamin of Beckenham in Kent accompanied by her husband Mr. Keith Taylor* **03**: *(from left) Counsellor, Ms. Roanna Gopaul, Acting High Commissioner, Ms. Gail Guy, Author of British Caribbean Enterprises Dr. Christopher A. Johnson, MBA,FFMSc,PhD,MJF. and Commercial Attaché Ms. Dionne Ligoure* **04:** *International Award winning chef Tricia Jadoonanan.* **05:** *Aromatic spice ingredients used in making Angostura Reserva rum on exhibit by Angostura at the launch* **Photos:** *Lawson C. Lovell*

Trinidad and Tobago Exhibition at the WORLD EXPO SHANGHAI 2010

A view of the Trinidad and Tobago Exhibition booth at World Expo Shanghai 2010

The Trinidad and Tobago Exhibition at World Expo Shanghai 2010 opened on Saturday May 1st and will close on October 31, 2010. The 320 square metre booth is strategically located at the entrance to the CARICOM pavilion, itself part of the overall Americas Square, which also includes pavilions of North America, Canada and various Latin American nations.

Designed by architect Darren Braithwaite of the University of Trinidad and Tobago, the modern, stylish booth (pictured) in shades of grey, white and red with hints of black was designed to avoid the traditional island theme of palm trees and thatched roofs and definitely makes a statement about this country's status as a business, energy and industrial powerhouse.

The Trinidad and Tobago booth is laid out in the form of a pan, with a large open central area with smaller semi-enclosed spaces radiating outward. Three illuminated circles cut into the floor with graphic imagery and photos depicting Innovative People, Investment Opportunities and Island Paradise.

The most striking features of the exhibition space are five sweeping curved walls or "pillars", which contain information on the major urban centers of the nation – Port of Spain, Arima/Sangre Grande, Chaguanas, Scarborough and San Fernando - and these speak to the overall Expo 2010 theme 'Better City, Better Life'. The walls behind each pillar portray elements of the country's cultural, economic and industrial life through large, descriptive photographs spanning the entire length of each wall.

At the booth's entrance is an Information kiosk where activities such as product sales, promotional items, giveaway and information services are provided. Across from the Info Booth is a theatre and entertainment area where local films and music videos are shown. The booth also contains a business or VIP area where visitors interested in learning more about investment and tourism opportunities are hosted.

Inside the Exhibition area are:

- Three interactive kiosks at which visitors are able to obtain information on Trinidad and Tobago in Mandarin and English
- Carnival costumes displayed on mannequins
- The Evolution of Pan exhibit also features a solo pan player who performs daily
- 3D display model of Port of Spain
- Brochures in both English and Mandarin
- Two product display units
- One electronic display board on which product logos and special events are displayed.

- The Trinidad and Tobago Exhibition at World Expo Shanghai 2010 is staffed by six representatives from some of the following agencies:

- Evolving TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Company (eTecK)
- Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI)
- Tourism Development Company (TDC)
- Tobago House of Assembly (THA)
- Business Development Company (BDC)
- Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries (TTCSI)

Under the aegis of the CARICOM/Chinese Government Financial Assistance Agreement one staff member for the Trinidad and Tobago Booth and one staff member with accounting skills is shared among the CARICOM group

eTecK, as National Coordinator for the Trinidad and Tobago Exhibition acts as the liaison for Head Office operations in Trinidad and Tobago, the CARICOM Secretariat and the World Expo Organisers. Their responsiblilities include overall management of the Exhibition, scheduling of special events, staff accommodation, banking activities, business activity scheduling, etc.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs appraised of Haiti's reconstruction efforts

"Haiti needs moral support."These sentiments were expressed to Dr. the Honourable Surujrattan Rambachan, by Mr. Toussaint Hilaire, Director of the Aristide Foundation for Democracy in Haiti during a recent courtesy call at the Ministry. Mr. Hilaire and Dr. Jean Maxon Guerrier, former Mayor of the City of Delmas are guests of the Emancipation Support Committee and were accompanied by the Chairman, Mr. Khafra Kambon.

During the update, Mr. Hilaire expressed a desire for CARICOM to have a very special place in Haiti's reconstruction efforts. He conveyed deep appreciation for CARICOM's direct, immediate and unhesitating response to Haiti's call for assistance which was offered in the form of financial, moral and material support and strong social volition.

Minister Rambachan identified deeply with the problems of the Government and the people of Haiti and noted the value of scholarships in medicine tenable in institutions in the region to reduce the ratio of doctors per capita in the long-term.

The meeting closed with mutual expressions of goodwill and support and appreciation.

pictured: *(from left) Mr. Khafra Kambon, Chairman of the Emancipation Support Committee; Dr. Jean Maxon Guerrier, Former Mayor of the City of Delmas; Dr. the Hon. Surujrattan Rambachan, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Toussaint Hilaire, Director of the Aristide Foundation for Democracy in Haiti*

Trinidad and Tobago participates in the 99th International Labour Conference

On June 17, 2010, Trinidad and Tobago was represented by a tripartite delegation at the 99th Session of the International Labour Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland, which ended on June 18, 2010. The delegation was led by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development, Mrs. Roslyn Khan-Cummings, and comprised representatives of government, employers and workers, including the Chairman of the Employers Consultative Association (ECA), Mr Rueben Mc Sween, and First Vice President of the National Trade Union Centre (NATUC), Mr James Lambert.

The annual Conference of the International Labour Organisation, brings together tripartite delegations of 183 Member States and provides an opportunity for the crafting and adoption of international labour standards in the form of Conventions and Recommendations and, for discussion of social and labour issues of global significance.

The 2010 agenda included discussions on decent work for domestic workers, HIV/AIDS as it relates to the workplace, and the strategic objective of employment.

At the conclusion of the Conference, a recommendation on HIV/AIDS and the world of work was unanimously adopted and, a decision was taken that work would be undertaken leading to the adoption of a Convention and Recommendation on Domestic Work at next year's Conference.

In the statment delivered by the Head of delegation, the Framework for Sustainable Development of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago was outlined. Emphasis was placed on the government approach which places people at the centre of development. Highlights of the decent work activities of the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development were provided and the Conference was informed that Trinidad and Tobago intends to focus, inter alia, on issues related to productivity, HIV/AIDS in the workplace, development of micro and small enterprises, labour legislation and the development of a decent work policy and programme of action for Trinidad and Tobago.

(above) Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development, Mrs Roslyn Khan-Cummings representing Trinidad and Tobago at the ILO Conference in Switzerland

New Minister of Trade and Industry visits Tamana Intech Park

pictured: *(from left)The Hon. Stephen Cadiz, Minister of Trade and Industry speaks with, Mrs. Neesha Kochhar and Ms. Beverly John of Eteck.*

The Honourable Stephen Cadiz, Minister of Trade and Industry, took a firsthand look at the Tamana Intech Park site in Wallerfield on 11th June. During his visit he described the ongoing development of Trinidad and Tobago's first science park as a major investment in technology and infrastructure that is critical to the development of IT sector.

Hosted by the executives of e Teck, the Ministry's team, which included Permanent Secretary Carl Francis, viewed a presentation on the Park, then toured the site and engaged in technical discussions with the e Teck managers. When completed Tamana Intech Park will be a world-class, state-of-the-art science and technology park and a central location for established and emerging companies in sectors such as ICT software development, high-value manufacturing and agro-processing.

The park is situated on 1,100 acres on the former Wallerfield airbase, 30 percent of which is green space, offering a quality of work-life environment second-to-none in the world. Just 45 minutes from Port of Spain and 10 minutes from Piarco International Airport, Tamana also offers investors flexibility in accommodation, including a build-to-suit option and a tenant building with state-of-the-art customizable ICT infrastructure and security systems, high-capacity, flexible and cost effective data management and storage with added assistance of disaster recovery in the rare event of a disruption.

Phase I is scheduled for a soft opening in September this year and will include all major infrastructure and the main building. The Tamana development is e Teck's flagship project in its drive to develop the country's ICT sector and facilitate Trinidad and Tobago's transformation to a knowledge-based economy. It is part of the overall diversification effort spearheaded by MTI.

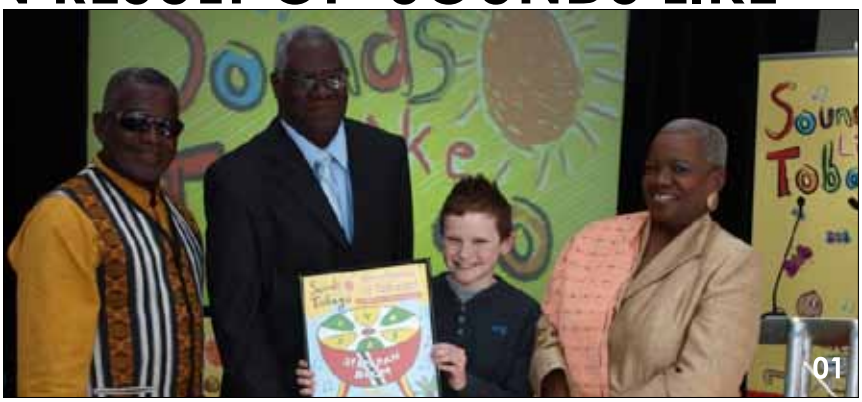
Minister of Finance gives update on Heritage and Stabilization Fund

On the 15th June, the Honourable Winston Dookeran, Minister of Finance gave an update on the economy in "Report on Nation's Business –The State of our Finances and Initiatives for future Action" dated 11th June 2010. As it pertains to the Heritage and Stabilization fund in Fiscal 2007/8 TT $6,588 million was transferred to the fund. No funds were transferred in fiscal 2008/9. In May 2010 TT$650 million was transferred to the HSF. As required by law a further TT$1.3 billion is projected to be deposited into the HSF in consideration of the prevailing energy prices during the fiscal 2009/2010. Copies of this report are available on the Ministry of Finance's website:

www.finance.gov.tt.

UK PRIMARY SCHOOLS GATHER FOR THE COMPETITION RESULT OF 'SOUNDS LIKE TOBAGO' INITIATIVE

Carolside primary school class win educational trip to Tobago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On March 16th 2010, Ms. Gail Guy, Acting High Commissioner for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, was pleased to attend the 'Sounds Like Tobago' Initiative prize giving ceremony. 18 UK primary schools from all over the country gathered at Jasmine Studios in London to showcase their fantastic steel pan drawings while eagerly anticipating the result of the 'Sounds like Tobago' competition. The education programme began in March 2009, funded by the Trinidad and Tobago government, the initiative aimed to provide UK primary school children with the chance to learn more about the history, music, culture and geography of the Caribbean island, through a series of fun and interactive lessons, with a chance to win a trip to Tobago.

Travelling all the way from Scotland, the trip was definitely worthwhile for one talented student. Ciar Pringle from Carolside primary school, Scotland was the award winner of the Sounds Like Tobago competition.

The competition was launched by Tobago House of Assembly (THA) delegates on their tour of the UK in 2009, encouraging classes to design a steel pan. The winners will have the exciting opportunity of travelling to the island to see their steel pan design being made. The steel pan is an important part of Tobago's heritage and the competition has been designed to bring to life, and encourage understanding of, the island's music, community, celebrations and diversity.

The initiative was sustained by a series of projects, supported by specially designed packs that included games and puzzles, a poster, badge, sticker, carry case and crayons. The 'Sounds Like Tobago' programme includes a web site, www.soundsliketobago.com, which is being run by children from both countries to further cement community links and exchange programmes between the UK and Tobago. The children also updated the contents of the website with footage, blogs and other relevant information.

A delegation from the Tobago House of Assembly were present on March 16th 2010, to view all the imaginative entries, present the winners and hear from the school children present what they learned and got out of the year-long campaign. There was also music in the form of a live demonstration on the steel pan.

Representatives from Tobago included of the Department of Education, Youth and Sport, and the Department of Tourism. Secretary Oswald Williams, Secretary for Tourism and Transportation of the THA, Mr John Arnold, Event Co-ordinator and Avion Hercules, Marketing Manager were present for the event.

John Arnold commented: "We have travelled the length and breadth of Great Britain on our 'Sounds Like Tobago' tour and have been so encouraged at how energised the children we have met have been about learning more about the culture, history, geography and music of Tobago. In its first year, the initiative has been hugely successful taking the sights and sounds of the island to the schools in this country and we are really looking forward to welcoming the winning school to Tobago to further cement the links between the two."

To follow the activity of the children on the programme, visit **www.soundsliketobago.com**

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01: *(from left) Mr. Rudolph Walker, Secretary Oswald Williams, Mr. Ciar Pringle, Acting High Commissioner, Ms. Gail Guy.* **02:** *Mr. Ciar Pringle displays 'Sounds like Tobago' award alongside TDC representative Andrew Hillier*

Trinidad and Tobago hosts International Surfing Festival

The Tourism Development Company was proud to support the Surfing Association of Trinidad and Tobago when it hosted the Surfing Trinidad and Tobago International Surf Festival. The week long festival included competitions for individual surfers, and a national team event. Surfing T&T, was the destination's first international surfing event in over 10 years. The festival was held on May 1st and 2nd at Sans Souci Beach on Trinidad's Northeast Coast.

There was a range of fun activities for non surfers including live music, a bikini contest, sports demonstrations and food expositions. The second official event of the growing Western Atlantic Surf Series based in the United States, the Surfing Festival, saw international as well as regional surfers competing for a US$10,000 purse. Mr. Raphael Perreira and Mr. Francisco Bellorin, both from Venzuela, won the Open Men's and Pro Junior respectively.

Competition highlights included the Open Men's, Pro Junior and Open Women's categories, as well as a night surfing event.

Green light for construction of a Five-star hotel in Tobago

Tobago Hotel and Tourism Association (THTA) has obtained approval for construction of a five-star hotel on the island of Tobago. The cost of the mega project is in excess of US$20 million.

The hotel, to be called Indigo Bay, will be located in the serene village of Lambeau and would be the first of its kind in Tobago. Mr. Christopher James, THTA vice-president, said in a statement, the hotel would accommodate 79 suites in its first phase, expected to be completed within a 12 month period, and 150 when the project is completed. The completion date is scheduled for June 2011. James described the initiative as a step in the right direction. He revealed, "Tobago has been asked for the last few years to provide additional high-end rooms. We have a demand by the airlines to increase the frequency of the flights. Virgin, Monarch and others want to go up to two flights a week to increase their economies of scale and we need high-end rooms to fill the front of the aircraft."

Mr. James pointed out that this initiative was also good for the existing rooms in Tobago with the increase in airline seats. James said the hotel would present "great employment opportunities" for people in Tobago. Tobago has a high percentage of local input and the entrire society will benefit.

THA green lights project

Orville London, Chief Secretary, Tobago House of Assembly (THA), said the THA had given the THTA the green light to construct the five-star hotel, as it was committed to showcasing the island as a preferred tourist attraction. "There is definitely a demand for high-end rooms in Tobago and therefore something like this is going to increase the marketability of the destination." Employment opportunities, both in the construction and operational fields, also exist, as hundreds of jobs will be created though this project."

Orville London, Chief Secretary, said the THA was intensifying its marketing efforts in its aim to attract more "high-end investors." "This is in keeping with the THA's vision. We want Tobago to be a niche market. Therefore, the high-end market is where we have to go." He disclosed that plans were to construct at least two additional five star hotels in Tobago in the future. "Over the last week, a company got the go ahead to use Courland Estate, which is owned by the THA, to build a hotel which I believe would also be five star."

Foreign Exchange rates for JUNE 2010

CURRENCY	BUYING	SELLING	CASH
Great British Pound	9.5400	9.9427	9.0350
United States Dollar	6.1920	6.3468	6.0000
European Euro	8.1783	8.4237	7.6533
Canadian Dollar	6.0443	6.3297	5.8093
Japanese Yen	0.0733	0.0755	N/A

Award presentation and '*Cook up in a Trini-kitchen*' book launch

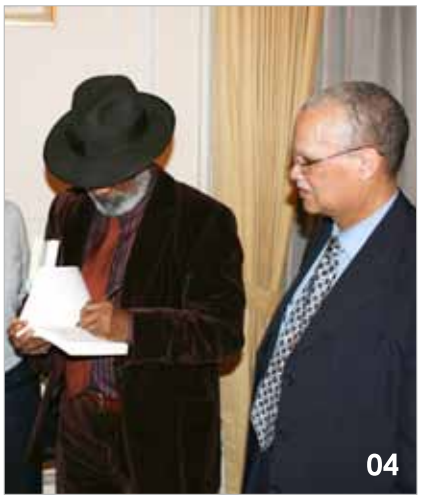
Acting High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ms Gail Guy presided over the monthly nationals meeting held on Wednesday 31st March. There was a celebration of academic excellence and Trinidad and Tobago literature at its best.

Ms. Ojeda Vanterpool of Albena Lake Hodge School, Anguila - winner of the 2008 Eric Williams CAPE Prize in History was presented with a laptop, framed certificate and a book by Acting High Commissioner of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Kingdom, Ms. Gail Guy.

The book launch of *'Cook up'* in a Trini-Kitchen followed the presentation of the award and prize giving. The introduction of author and WindRush Arts Award Winner, Mr. John Lyons was done by poet Mr. John Agard. He serenaded the crowd with fitting poetic tributes before Mr. Lyons was introduced to the crowd and given centre stage to give remarks and launch his latest Trinidad and Tobago inspired book.

Opening remarks were delivered by Public Affairs, Culture and Tourism Attaché, Mr. Ashton Ford and closing remarks were delivered by Mr. Donald Chambers.

01: *Ms. Ojeda Vanterpool of Albena receives her prizes from Acting High Commissioner for the Republic Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Gail Guy.* **02:** *Mr. John Lyons describes latest book to the audience.*



03: *Mr. John Agard, Poet delivering his tribute poem to Mr. John Lyons.* **04.** *(from left) former Public Affairs, Culture and Tourism Attaché, Mr. Ashton Ford looks on as Mr. John Lyons authorgraphs a copy of his book.* **Photos:** *Lawson C. Lovell*

Nationals welcome H.E Serena Joseph-Harris **High Commissioner-Designate**

On the 26th May, 2010, the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission in London hosted the monthly nationals meeting. A large number of nationals residing in London and surrounding areas, turned out to meet the new High Commissioner-Designate of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Opening remarks were delivered by Deputy High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago Ms. Gail Guy before the introduction of Trinidad and Tobago's High Commissioner-designate, London , H. E Serena Joseph-Harris. Her Excellency enlightened the nationals about her multi-faceted background and

what she hoped to achieve during her tenure with the support of the nationals and staff of the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission.

Following the open floor 'question and answer' segment, author of '*Dilemmas of Deokie*' Ms. Carol Sammy was introduced by Donna Phillip-Forde of the Public Affairs, Culture and Tourism. Ms. Sammy in a follow up to her book launch in January, read some reviews from the international critics and offered copies for sale which were all snapped up by nationals.

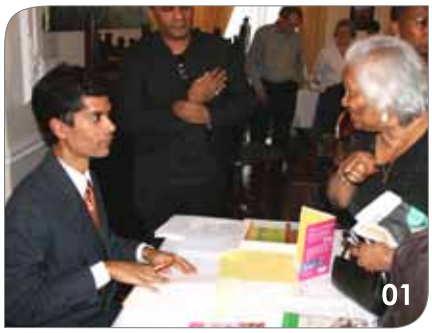
01: *Her Excellency Serena Joseph-Harris.* **02:** *National Mrs. Jospehine Learmond-Criqui w among the nationals who partcipated in engaging question and answer segment.* **Photos:** *Lawson C. Lovell*

National's Meeting and '*Caribbean-Flavoured Presbyterianism*' book launch

Immigration Attaché, Mr. Narinesingh Lal on the 30th June, 2010 chaired the monthly nationals meeting hosted in the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission in London.

H. E Serena Joseph-Harris High Commissioner-Designate delivered news and information including up-coming events to the nationals gathered. The High Commissioner-designate then answered questions raised and listened to concerns voiced by nationals on issues affecting Trinidad and Tobago.

The book launch by Dr Jerome Teelucksingh, author of '*Caribbean-Flavoured Presbyterianism: Education and Religion as a Prescription for Socio-Political Devlopment 1868-2008*', followed the open floor segment. Dr. Teelucksingh was introduced by Dr. Sally Radford and a critical review of the book was delivered by Rev. Dr. Michael Jagessar before the official part of the meeting came to a close.



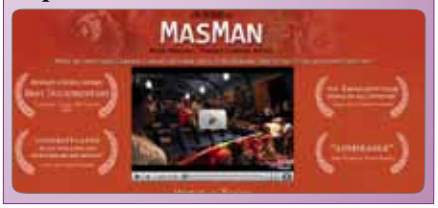
01: *(from left) Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh autographs his book for a national.* **02:** *(from right) Immigration Attaché Narinesingh Lal in conversation with nationals.* **03:** *Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh meeting H.E Serena Joseph-Harris.*

A film about the "**Mas Man**" Peter Minshall

Nationals who attended the monthly nationals meeting at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission in London on 28th April, 2010, were treated to the screening of a film "Mas Man" which was about Peter Minshall, costumes and Mas Designer.

The film "Mas Man" won the Trinidad and Tobago International Film Festival 2009 and People's Choice Award for Best Documentary. The film has been selected and screened at film festivals in the Bahamas, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and London. Producer Dalton Narine is the Director of the film.

For more information visit - **http://www.masmanthemovie.com**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

14th August
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(pictured) Ms. Lynette Hubah speaking at the Indian Arrival Day Celebration in 2008.

Lynette Hubah

The loss of Lynette is being keenly felt as she has been a true champion of multi-cultural education and an avid promoter of T&T culture. As a teacher in the service of the Inner London Education Authority, she was a role model and mentor to many other teaching professionals. She also supported several community organisations, the most recent being the Naparima Alumni UK and was a regular attendee at the monthly Nationals meeting at the Mission.

A service of thanksgiving for her life was held on Thursday 10th June 2010 at Enfield Crematorioum. Representatives from the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission included Deputy High Commissioner Ms. Gail Guy and Public Affairs Culture and Tourism Attaché, Mr. Ashton Ford

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Celebrating Indian Arrival Day 2010

On the 30th May, 2010, the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission in London held Indian Arrival celebrations at the Carnival Village venue. A number of nationals residing in London and surrounding areas, turned out to participate in the event.

The programme included performances by classical indian dancer Ms. Rohini Kumar and musicians Mr. Sam Randhawa, sitarist and Mr. Bonty Baines on the tabla.

After opening remarks by former Commercial Attaché, Dionne Ligoure, the Trinidad and Tobago's High Commissioner-designate, London H.E Serena Joseph-Harris addressed nationals with her Indian Arrival Day message (see page 6).

The keynote address entitled "Homelessness, Arrival and Belonging" was delivered by guest speaker Mr. Ron Ramdin.

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01: *Classical indian dancer Ms. Rohini Kumar beginning her dance routine.*

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02: *(from left) sitarist, Mr. Sam Randhawa and Mr. Bonty Baines on the tabla enchants the gathering.*

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03: *Former Commercial Attaché, Dionne Ligoure welcomes the attendees.*

04: *(from left) former Miss Trinidad and Tobago UK 2010, Anushka Ramjag sits with Deputy High Commissioner, Ms. Gail Guy.*

05: *Guest speaker Mr. Ron Ramdin in light conversation with H.E Serena Joseph-Harris and Deputy High Commissioner, Ms. Gail Guy.*

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06: *(from left) Classical indian dancer Ms. Rohini Kumar and former Miss Trinidad and Tobago UK 2010, Anushka Ramjag.*

07: *H.E Serena Joseph-Harris meets the youngest member of the audience Ms. Maya Mahadeo and national Ms. Rosalind Crofton*

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